GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3728
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SLAUGHTER HOUSES
C. SREENIVAASAN;SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international rights group of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) have expressed concern over the transportation and slaughter methods of animals in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some States have failed miserably to have even humane, hygienic and legal standards for slaughter and animal handling;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to improve the slaughter houses in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): PETA started its campaign against Indian leather goods and has been highlighting the cruel conditions of animals in transport and in slaughter houses through media as well as letter campaign.

(c) & (d): The State Governments are implementing instructions of Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairyingfor humane, hygienic and legal standards for slaughter and animal handling.

(e): The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying is operating a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Modernization/ Improvement of Slaughterhouses wherein the costs are shared on 50:50 basis by the Centre and the States.